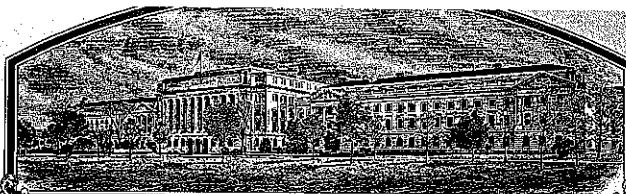


No.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE FOREGOING PURPOSE, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. IN THE UNITED STATES SEED OF THIS VARIETY (1) SHALL BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED AND (2) SHALL CONFORM TO THE NUMERICAL GENERATIONS SPECIFIED BY THE OWNER OF THE RIGHTS. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'MN0901'



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand one.

Attest:

Alvin K. Post

Acting Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Wm. H. Henshaw

Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE

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APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE
(Instructions and information collection burden statement on reverse)

1. NAME OF OWNER Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station University of Minnesota		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NAME M91-821	3. VARIETY NAME MN0901
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country) 190 Coffey Hall 1420 Eckles Avenue St. Paul, MN 55108		5. TELEPHONE (include area code) 612-625-4211	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 00000146 FILING DATE 2/7/00
		6. FAX (include area code) 612-625-0286 612-624-7724	
7. IF THE OWNER NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON", GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (corporation, partnership, association, etc.) University	8. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION R.S. 2/3/00	9. DATE OF INCORPORATION	
10. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER REPRESENTATIVE(S) TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION. (First person listed will receive all papers) J.H. Orf Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics University of Minnesota 1991 Upper Buford Circle 411 Borlaug Hall St. Paul, MN 55108-6026			FILING AND EXAMINATION FEES: \$ 2450.00 DATE 2/7/00 CERTIFICATION FEE: \$ 320.00 DATE 4/23/01
11. TELEPHONE (include area code) 612-625-8275	12. FAX (include area code) 612-625-1268	13. E_MAIL orfxx001@maroon.tc.umn.edu	14. CROP KIND (Common Name) soybean
15. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME OF CROP Glycine max	16. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) Leguminosae	17. IS THE VARIETY A FIRST GENERATION HYBRID? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
18. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow instructions on reverse) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C. Objective Description of Variety d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety (Optional) e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of the Owner's Ownership f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voucher Sample (2,500 viable untreated seeds or, for tuber propagated varieties, verification that tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository) g. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing and Examination Fee (\$2,450), made payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (Mail to the Plant Variety Protection Office)		19. DOES THE OWNER SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes", answer items 20 and 21 below) <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If "no," go to item 22)	
		20. DOES THE OWNER SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
		21. IF "YES" TO ITEM 20, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED	
22. HAS THE VARIETY (INCLUDING ANY HARVESTED MATERIAL) OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THIS VARIETY BEEN SOLD, DISPOSED OF, TRANSFERRED, OR USED IN THE U. S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, YOU MUST PROVIDE THE DATE OF FIRST SALE, DISPOSITION, TRANSFER, OR USE FOR EACH COUNTRY AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES. (Please use space indicated on reverse.)		23. IS THE VARIETY OR ANY COMPONENT OF THE VARIETY PROTECTED BY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT (PLANT BREEDER'S RIGHT OR PATENT)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, PLEASE GIVE COUNTRY, DATE OF FILING OR ISSUANCE AND ASSIGNED REFERENCE NUMBER. (Please use space indicated on reverse.)	
24. The owners declare that a viable sample of basic seed of the variety will be furnished with application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable, or for a tuber propagated variety a tissue culture will be deposited in a public repository and maintained for the duration of the certificate. The undersigned owner(s) is(are) the owner of this sexually reproduced or tuber propagated plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 42, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act. Owner(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.			
SIGNATURE OF OWNER Charles C. Muscoplat		SIGNATURE OF OWNER	
NAME (Please print or type) Charles C. Muscoplat		NAME (Please print or type)	
CAPACITY OR TITLE Director, MAES	DATE 2/1/00	CAPACITY OR TITLE	DATE

Exhibit A**Origin and Breeding History of MN0901 Soybean**

'MN0901' soybean traces to the F_5 progeny of an F_4 plant harvested from a population that had been advanced by a modified single seed descent procedure from the cross M83-766 x Leslie. The pedigree of M83-766 is Evans x M74-394. M74-394 is a selection from the cross Hodgson x Wells. Bulk seed of the F_5 row was designated M91-821 and was used for yield testing in the F_6 (1992). Subsequent tests of strain M91-821 were conducted in Minnesota in the F_7 (1993) and F_8 (1994). In the F_8 generation 50 typical plants were harvested individually to initiate purification for desirable traits including reaction to race 1 of phytophthora root rot. In the F_9 (1995) M91-821 was entered in the Uniform Regional Soybean Test Maturity Group 0. In 1995 twenty-nine rows were grown for purification purposes. Fifteen rows appeared uniform for plant and seed characteristics including reaction to race 1 of phytophthora root rot, therefore seed of these rows was bulked to provide breeder's seed. In the F_{10} (1996), F_{11} (1997), and F_{12} (1998) M91-821 continued to be tested in the Uniform Regional Soybean Test Maturity Group 0. In the F_{10} (1996) a small increase of breeder's seed was made. In the F_{11} (1997) Foundation Seed was produced by the Minnesota Foundation Seed Organization. In 1998 Foundation seed was made available to other states for increase. In the F_{12} (1998) seed was increased and M91-821 was approved for release as MN0901. On February 15, 1999 seed of MN0901 was released to growers in Minnesota and South Dakota. No off types were noted in the seed multiplication process of MN0901 over three generations. This variety breeds true and meets certification standards.

Exhibit B**Statement of Distinctiveness**

'MN0901' soybean is most similar to 'Lambert' soybean. MN0901 is approximately two days later in maturity than Lambert. The yield of MN0901 is about 2% greater than Lambert. MN0901 is about 2 inches taller than Lambert. Seed of MN0901 is about 0.1 grams per 100 seed smaller than Lambert. MN0901 has about 1.1 percent lower protein content and 0.2 percent higher oil content compared to Lambert. Seed of MN0901 has yellow hila while seed of Lambert has buff hila. MN0901 has white flowers while Lambert has purple flowers.

Data comparing MN0901 is taken from the Uniform Test 0, Northern States 1996-1998 (a total of 25 tests for most traits).

Variety	Date Mature	Yield bu/a	Height Inches	Lodging Score	Seed size G/100	Protein %	Oil %
MN0901	9/19	47.6	32	1.6	16.8	40.5	21.3
Lambert	9/17	46.8	30	1.5	16.9	41.6	21.1

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EXHIBIT C
(Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station University of Minnesota ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code) 190 Coffey Hall 1420 Eckles Avenue St. Paul, MN 55108	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 200000146
	VARIETY NAME MN0901
	TEMPORARY OR EXPERIMENTAL DESIGNATION M91-821

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY: Place the appropriate number that describes the varietal character of this variety in the boxes below. Place a zero in the first box (e.g. or) when number is either 99 or less or 9 or less respectively. Data for quantitative plant characters should be based on a minimum of 100 plants. Comparative data should be determined from varieties entered in the same trial. Royal Horticultural Society or any recognized color standard may be used to determine plant colors; designate system used: _____
Please answer all questions for your variety; lack of response may delay progress of your application.

A. MORPHOLOGY

Seed Shape:

1 = Spherical
(L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios < 1.2)

2 = Spherical-Flattened
(L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio < 1.2)

3 = Elongate
(L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W ratio < 1.2)

4 = Elongate-Flattened
(L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W ratio > 1.2)

Seed Coat Color:

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

3 = Brown

4 = Black

5 = Other

(Please Specify) _____

Seed Coat Luster:

1 = Dull

2 = Shiny

Seed Size:

grams/100 seeds

Hilum Color:

1 = Buff

2 = Yellow

3 = Brown

4 = Gray

5 = Imperfect Black

6 = Black

7 = Other (Please Specify) _____

Cotyledon Color:

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

A. MORPHOLOGY (Continued)

Seed Protein Peroxidase Activity:

☐ 2 1 = Low 2 = High

Hypocotyl Color:

☐ 1 1 = Green 2 = Green with Bronze 3 = Light Purple 4 = Dark Purple extending to
'Evans' or 'Davis' Bands below Cotyledon below Cotyledons unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson',
'Woodworth' or 'Tracy' 'Beeson' or 'Pickett 71' 'Coker', or 'Hampton 266A')

Leaf Shape:

☐ 3 1 = Lanceolate 2 = Oval 3 = Ovate 4 = Other (Please Specify) _____

Flower Color:

☐ 1 1 = White 2 = Purple 3 = White with a Purple Throat

Pod Color:

☐ 2 1 = Tan 2 = Brown 3 = Black

Pubescence Color:

☐ 1 1 = Gray 2 = Brown (Tawny) 3 = Light Tawny

Plant Habit:

☐ 3 1 = Determinate 2 = Semi - Determinate 3 = Indeterminate 4 = Intermediate

B. DISEASE REACTIONS

0 = Not Tested 1 = Susceptible 2 = Resistant 3 = Tolerant

Bacterial

- ☐ 0 Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *glycines* (Nakano) Dye)
- ☐ 0 Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *glycinea* (Coerper) Young, Dye, & Wilkie)
- ☐ 0 Wildfire Blight (*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *tabaci* (Wolf & Foster) Young, Dye, & Wilkie)

Fungal

☐ 0 Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines* Hemmi)

Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina* Hara)

☐ 0 race 1 ☐ 0 race 2 ☐ 0 race 3 ☐ 0 race 4

☐ 0 race 5 ☐ 0 race 6 ☐ 0 Other (Please Specify) _____

☐ 0 Target Spot (*Corynespora cassicola* (Berk. & Curt.) Wei)

☐ 0 Downey Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manchurica* (Naum.) Syd. ex Gäum)

- ☐ Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa* Cke. & Pk.)
- ☐ Brown Stem Rot (*Phialophora gregata* (Allington & Chamberlain) W. Gams.)
- ☐ Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* (Cke. & Ell.) Sacc. var. *caulivora* Athrow & Caldwell)
- ☐ Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* (Cke. & Ell.) Sacc. var. *sojae* (Lehman) Wehm.)
- ☐ Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii* (T. Matsu. & Tomoyasu) Gardener)
- ☐ Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani* Kühn)

Phytophthora Root Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* Drechs. f. sp. *glycinea* (Kuan & Erwin))

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| <input type="checkbox"/> race 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 15 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 22 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> race 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 23 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> race 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 17 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 24 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> race 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> race 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 19 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 26 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> race 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 27 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> race 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 21 | Other (Please Specify) _____ |

- ☐ Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
- ☐ Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
- ☐ Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
- ☐ Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
- ☐ Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

Nematode

Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines* Ichinohe)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> race 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 14 (former r. 4) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> race 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> race 9 | Other (Please Specify) _____ |

- ☐ Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus columbus* Sher)
- ☐ Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita* (Kofoid & White) Chitwood)
- ☐ Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne hapla* Chitwood)

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- ☐ Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria* (Neal) Chitwood)
- ☐ Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchus reniformus* Linwood & Olivera)
- ☐ Javanese Nematode (*Meloidogyne javanica* (Treub) Chitwood)
- ☐ Other Nematode (Please Specify) _____

C. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES 0 = Not Tested 1 = Susceptible 2 = Resistant 3 = Tolerant

- ☐ Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
- ☐ Phosphorus
- ☐ Boron
- ☐ Aluminum
- ☐ Salt
- ☐ Drought
- ☐ Other (Please Specify) _____

D. INSECT REACTIONS 0 = Not Tested 1 = Susceptible 2 = Resistant 3 = Tolerant

- ☐ Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna varivestis* Mulsant)
- ☐ Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae* (Harris))
- ☐ Other (Please Specify) _____

E. HERBICIDE REACTIONS 0 = Not Tested 1 = Susceptible 2 = Resistant

- ☐ 2 Metribuzin
- ☐ Bentazone
- ☐ Sulfonylurea
- ☐ Glyphosate
- ☐ Glufosinate
- ☐ Pendimethalin
- ☐ Other (Please Specify) _____

F. TRANSGENIC COMPOSITION

Has the development of the Subject Variety included the insertion or removal of genetic material? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please complete the following information requests*. Use additional pages if necessary.

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F. TRANSGENIC COMPOSITION (Continued)

1. Please state the vector's name:
 2. Please state the vector components:
 3. Please describe the genetic material successfully transferred into the Subject Variety:
 4. Please describe the insertion protocol:
- * A literature citation(s) explaining the four information requests above may be an acceptable alternative to completion of the "Transgenic Composition" portion of this form.

G. BIOCHEMICAL MARKERS

Please describe any biochemical information here which you believe will be helpful in further describing the Subject Variety (e.g. Simple Sequence Repeats, Random Fragment Length Polymorphisms, Isozymic Characterization). Use additional pages if necessary.

H. COMMENTS

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EXHIBIT E **STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF OWNERSHIP**

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7. PVPO NUMBER 200000146		

8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in appropriate block. If no, please explain. ☒ YES ☐ NO

9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. national or U.S. based company? ☒ YES ☐ NO
If no, give name of country

10. Is the applicant the original owner? ☒ YES ☐ NO If no, please answer one of the following:

a. If original rights to variety were owned by individual(s), is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. national(s)?

☐ YES ☐ NO If no, give name of country

b. If original rights to variety were owned by a company(ies), is(are) the original owner(s) a U.S. based company?

☐ YES ☐ NO If no, give name of country

11. Additional explanation on ownership (if needed, use reverse for extra space):

The University of Minnesota is the employer of the breeder who developed MN0901.

PLEASE NOTE:

Plant variety protection can be afforded only to owners (not licensees) who meet one of the following criteria:

1. If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that person must be a U.S. national, national of a UPOV member country, or national of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
2. If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which employed the original breeder(s), the company must be U.S. based, owned by nationals of a UPOV member country, or owned by nationals of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
3. If the applicant is an owner who is not the original owner, both the original owner and the applicant must meet one of the above criteria.

The original breeder/owner may be the individual or company who directed final breeding. See Section 41(a)(2) of the Plant Variety Protection Act for definition.

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